

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Joint Reconnaissance Center

The concept of a joint reconnaissance center to be maintained as a part of the Joint Staff as outlined in your memorandum of 10 October is approved. In addition to the other components of the Government cited in paragraph 4 of the appendix to your memorandum, the new center should, of course, maintain continuing liaison with the Director, National Security Agency, in view of his national responsibility for control of the communications intelligence and electronic intelligence efforts.

The Center should be established as a matter of urgency. The ten additional manpower spaces are authorized and necessary funds will be made available.

/S/ Thomas S. Gates

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